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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Monday January 6, 1724.

From the Evening Poſt, Dec. 31.

Since our laſt arrived 1 *Mail from Holland, and one from France.*

Amſterdam, Jan.

THE Number of Burials in the Year 1722, amounted to 8421, and in 1723, to 7119.

Vienna, Dec. 25. The Hereditary Prince of Lorain is ſo beloved at this Court, That the Emperor ſends for him ſeveral Times in one Day, and will have him continue here his Studies, under his Imperial Protection. The Empreſs goes on very luckily with her big Belly, the Joy of which, makes the Court amends, for the Griet they have conceived on account of the Death of the Duke of Orleans.

Paris, Dec. 31. Every thing is as quiet at Court as before the Death of the late Duke of Orleans. It is confirmed by Letters both from Vienna and Cambray, That the Emperor entirely approves what lately was regulated there concerning the Fiefs of Italy.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 116, one 8th. S. S. Annuities 101, one 8th. Bank 126 one half. India 137, one half. African 27, one qr. York Buildings 13.

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From the Evening Poſt.

Bruſſels, December 18. A Thief was hanged near Nivelle for Robbery, but was cut down four Hours after the Execution by a Farmer, who paſſing that Way, and perceiving ſome Motion of the Body, he carried it to his own Houſe, and had it warmed and rubbed; by which Means the Thief recovered Life, and afterwards the Farmer hid him in his Hay-loft to prevent Diſcovery. In the Night the Thief went off with Four of his Benefactor's Horſes, but was ſeen at ſome Diſtance the next Morning by the Farmer, who overtook, ſeized, and immediatly hanged him of his own Accord: This Matter becoming publick, the Farmer is taken into Cuſtody in order to be brought to his Trial.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt.

Paris, December 24. The Count de Rotenburg, one of the King's Plenipotentiaries to Cambray, is at Length ſet out thither; ſo that 'tis not to be queſtioned, but the Congreſs will be opened in January next. The Duke de Bourbon has choſen M. Paris du Vernay, to act under him: But Melon, who was the late Duke of Orlean's chief Secretary for the Affairs of the India Company, is diſmiſſed. 'Tis reported, That the Marſhal de Villeroy demands, That when he comes to Court, he may appear there in the ſame Quality as when he was baniſhed to his Government in Lionnois; but 'tis ſaid the Recall of the Chancellor D' Agueſſeau, are Two Points about which the Council is not yet agreed.

From the Weekly Journal.

They write from Conſtantinople, that a new Miniſter is arrived in that City on the Part of the Rebel Meriweys, and that he had Audience of the Prime Viſier the next Day, and the Day following he obtain'd Audience of the Grand Seignior; which laſt is looked upon to be a Mark of high Eſteem and Favour, in regard, That it has been a Cuſtom to make Miniſters wait 15 Days before they are ad-

admitted to an Audience of the Sultan, and there have been many who can obtain no Audience but from the Prime Vifier only. Thefe extraordinary Marks of Condefcention of the Porte, induce Men to believe, That this fucceſsful Rebel is to be owned by a higiher Title than that of Protector; and that in Conſideration of the Aſſiſtance he is to receive from the Turks, he promiſes to ſtabliſh the Doctrine of Mahomet throughout Perſia: The preſent Perſians being of the Sect of *Ali*, and therefore look'd upon by the others as Schiſmaticks; that this has made the Mufti a great Stickler for his Intereſt. That as ſoon as he is fixed in ſome Safety he will, by Severities, oblige the People to renounce their Prophet *Ali*. That the Porte is become a Guarrantee for the Succeſſion of the Blood of Meriweys to the Throne of Perſia. That the Perſians will be obliged to abjure the Family of the old Sophi, and to exclude them from all Right to the Dominions of their Anceſtors; and thus they are reſolved to play the Devil for the ſake of their Prophet Mahomet.

They add, that a War with Ruſſia is reſolved, nevertheleſs the Horſes Tail has not yet been hung out; and perhaps, they wait to to know what Propoſals a Miniſter of the Czar's, now upon his Way to Conſtantinople, has to make.

They tell us alſo, That Prince Ragotski appears with more than ordinary Splendor of late, his Retinue conſiſting of above 30 Perſons, and that he is frequently ſending his Emiſſaries into Walachia.

We are informed from Cologn, that the Day for electing a Prince and Biſhop of Liege is fixed on the 3d of February N. S. and that the Candidates are the Biſhop of Munſter, now Elector of Cologne, the Prince and Cardinal of Sax-zeits, the Biſhop of Tournay, and the Prince de Auverone, Archbiſhop of Vienne in Dauphiny; yet ſome imagine that a Perſon who has not yet declared himſelf, and is a Native of the Country, will be moſt likely to carry it; however there are Intrigues carrying on, and the Baron de Glimes, firſt Miniſter of the the late Biſhop, makes Intereſt for the Elector of Cologne, whereupon a Paper was fix'd in the Choir of the Cathedral, with theſe Words of the Apoſtle St. Peter, *Brethren be ſober and vigilant, for the Baron G. encompaſſeth you as a roaring Lion, ſeeking whom he may devour, but reſiſt him manfully.*

The reſt of the Act begun in our Laſt.

ſhall be avoided or impeached for or by reaſon, or upon Pretence of any of the Diſabilities and Incapacities in the ſaid Acts, or any of them, contained, incurred, or ſuppoſed to be incurred, by any of the Perſons making or joining in ſuch Sale, or by any other Perſons from or through whom the Title to ſuch Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Intereſt therein, is or ſhall be Derived, or ſuppoſed to be Derived, unleſs before ſuch Sale the Perſon entitled to take Advantage of ſuch Diſability or Incapacity ſhall have recovered ſuch Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or given Notice of his Claim and Title thereto to ſuch Purchaſer, or before the Contract for ſuch Sale ſhall have claimed the ſaid Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, by reaſon of ſuch Diſability or Incapacity, and have entred ſuch Claim in open Court at the General Seſſion of the Peace for the County, City, Riding, or Diviſion wherein ſuch Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, lie or ariſe, and *bona fide*, and with due Diligence, purſued his Remedy in a proper Courſe of Juſtice for the Recovery thereof; The ſaid ſeveral Acts above mentioned and referred to, or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Provided nevertheleſs, That whereas it was, amongſt other Things, Enacted by the ſaid Act of Parliament made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of the late King *William* the Third, That from and after the Tenth Day of *April*, which ſhould be in the Year of our Lord One thouſand

ſand ſeven hundred, every Papiſt, or Perſon making Profeſſion of the Popiſh Religion, ſhould be Diſabled, and was thereby made uncapable to purchaſe either in his, or her own Name, or in the Name of any other Perſon or Perſons, to his or her Uſe, or in Truſt for him or her any Manors, Lands, Profits out of Lands, Tenements, Rents, Terms, or Hereditaments, within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*; and that all and ſingular Eſtates, Terms, and any other Intereſts or Profits whatſoever out of Lands, from and after the ſaid Tenth Day of *April*, to be made, ſuffered, or done, to or for the Uſe or Behoof of any ſuch Perſon or *Perſons*, or upon any Truſt or Confidence mediately or immediately, to or for the Benefit or Relief of any ſuch *Perſon* or *Perſons*, ſhould be utterly Void, and of no Effect, to all Intents, Conſtructions, and *Purpoſes* whatſoever; It is hereby Declared and Enacted, That the ſaid recited *Part* of the ſaid Act of *Parliament* ſhall not be hereby Altered or Repealed, but the ſame ſhall be and remain in full Force, as if this Act had never been made.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the Nine and twentieth Day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, no Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Intereſt therein, or Rent or *Profit* thereout, ſhall *Paſs*, Alter, or Change from any *Papiſt* or *Papiſts* profeſſing the *Popiſh* Religion, by any Deed or Will, except ſuch Deed within Six Months after the Date, and ſuch Will within Six Months after the Death of the Teſtator, be Inrolled in one of the King's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, or elſe within the ſame County or Counties wherein the Ma rs, Lands, an Tenements lie, by the *Cuſtos Rotulorum*, and Two Juſtices of the *Peace*, and the Clerk of the *Peace* of the ſame County or Counties, or Two of them at the leaſt, and the Clerk of the *Peace* to be One.

F I N I S.

From the Evening Poſt, Dec. 31.

Paris, Jan. 5. The Marſhal de Villars was laſt Thurſday for the firſt time, admitted in the Council of Finances, where, at his Interceſſion, it was reſolved, That the City of Marſeilles ſhall have the free Liberty of ſelling Coffee as formerly, notwithſtanding of the excluſive Priviledges granted to our India Company. Meſſire Hyacinth, Prince de Ligno, and of the Holy Empire, Marquis de Money, formerly Captain of the Scots *Guards d' Arms*, died here the 31ſt of laſt Month, aged 63 Years.

London, Dec. 31. The King arrived Yeſterday at ſix in the Evening at St. James's by the way of Lambath.

The Colcheſter and Leopard Men of War, that were deſigned to convoy his Majeſty are not arrived.

Wye's Letter verbatim, *London, Dec.* 31, 1723.

ON Sunday arrived a Mail from Flanders, by which came a Letter from Bruſſels, dated January 5th, N. S. adviſing, That the Agent of the Duke of Lorain had ſhewn to the Marquis de Prie a Letter he had received from Nancy, giving an Account, that the Gang of Highwaymen who had aſſaſſinated and robb'd the Engliſh Gentlemen ſome time ago on the Road near Calais, and who had ſince committed other Murders and Robberies on the ſame Road, had been ſeized at Nancy. The Chief of them is a Collector of ſome ſmall Impoſts in Lorain, who firſt took to this execrable Courſe of Life, with Others, who are Lorainers; but afterwards increaſed his Gang in the French Netherlands.

'Tis hoped that this, tho' our former Accounts have proved falſe, will be confirmed by the next Mails; for in the Agent's Letter there is one Thing very remarkable, which is, When the Officers of Juſtice came to ſeize the aforeſaid Collector at his Houſe, his Daughter catch'd hold of a Firelock, and ſhot one of them dead.

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Letters from Stockholm ſay, That the Czar forms Pretenſions on Wirolax in Finland; but the Swedes looking on theſe Pretenſions as not any ways grounded on the laſt Treaty at Nyſtadt, are reſolved to keep that Place and its Diſtrict, and which they reſolve to fortifie as a Bulwark againſt the Ruſſians. But 'tis thought this will not be put in Execution till they ſee how Affairs will go between the Czar and the Porte: Concerning which we are adviſed, That an Expreſs, diſpatched from the Ruſſian Miniſter at Conſtantinople, lately paſſed through Moſcow for Petersburgh; he was guarded as far as Pultowa by 12 Spahis, to hinder him from obſerving the vaſt Preparations of War which the Turks are making.

On the 2d Inſtant a Council of all the *Privy* Counſellors was held at *Peterſburg* in the *Preſence* of the Czar, on the Situation of Affairs in *Perſia*, *&c.*

From Vienna they write, That the Emperor has ſent Orders to the Governors of the Frontier Places in Hungary and Tranſilvania, to keep a ſtrict Eye upon all Paſſengers who come into theſe Provinces, and to ſend Advice of the Motions the Turks make in the Neighbourhood of thoſe Parts: Who, according to Letters from Conſtantinople, have ſent two Armies of 60000 Men each, one towards Tauris, and the other towards Iſpahan.

A French Mail is juſt arrived.

The Letters from Paris give an Account, That the Infanta Queen having had another Fit of the Fever, her Phyſicians ordered her to be let blood, which was done accordingly the 31ſt Inſtant, N. S. at 2 in the Morning, and the ſame Afternoon the Small Pox appear'd; which muſt occaſion a very great Concern, for ſhould her Majeſty happen not to recover, the Deſign of an inſeparable Union by that Marriage between the two Kingdoms, may perhaps fail.

'Tis adviſed from Cadix, That on the 4th Inſtant arrived there from New Spain the Ship Noſtre Dame de Bergeme, laden with 896840 Pieces of Eight, beſides divers Sorts of Merchandice of great Value.

The Turkey Company at a Court Yeſterday, Reſolved, That their Ship the Cambridge ſhall proceed on her Voyage, it appearing that only 58 Bales of Cloth were damaged. The other 3 Outward-bound Turky Ships, *viz.* Halifax, Aſia and Dolphin, fell down the River Yeſterday, to begin their Voyage.

The Commiſſioners appointed to Enquire into the Abuſes of Parochial Charities, are to proceed next Friday on a new Charge againſt the Pariſh of St. Butholph's, Biſhopſgate, as we are informed, in relation to a Legacy of *L.* 60 which is entirely loſt or ſunk.

Yeſterday at 6 in the Evening the King arrived at his Palace of St. James's. The ſame Day Orders were given to go into Mourning for the Death of the late Duke of Orleans for 3 Weeks.

There was this Day a great Court at St. James's.

Richard Woolcomb and John Man, Eſqs. are made Comptrollers of the Cuſtoms in the Port of Landiff and other neighbouring Ports.

Edinburgh, January 6. On Friday laſt the Right Honourable the Earl of Iſla, the Right Honourable the Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh, and ſeveral other Perſons of Diſtinction went hence for London. The ſame Day Sir Alexander Dalmahoy, Baronet, died here.

Haddington, January 3d, 1724.

Beſt Wheat 7 *l.* 16 *ſh.*	2d *Ditto* 7 *l.* 12 *ſh.*	3d *Ditto* 7 *l.* 10 *ſh.*
Beſt Bear 7 *l.* 19 *ſh.*	3d *Ditto* 7 *l.* 14 *ſh.*	3d *Ditto* 7 *l.* 10 *ſh.*
Beſt Oats 6 *l.* 4 *ſh.*	2d *Ditto* 6 *l.*	3d *Ditto* 5 *l.* 16 *ſh.*
Beſt Peaſe 6 *l.* 14 *ſh.*	1d *Ditto* 6 *l.* 10 *ſh.*	3d *Ditto* 6 *l.* 8 *ſh.*

That

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THat the Lands of Wallace Craigie, lying at the East-port of Dundee, within the Parochine thereof, and Sheriffdom of Forfar, holding Taxtward of the Crown, being 1030 Merks of free Rent, as they were last set in Tack, with the Mansion-House, consisting of Dining Room, 3 Bed Rooms, 2 Closets, and 2 large Garrets, with Kitchin, Brew-house, Washing-house, two Barns, Stables, Loft and Oxen Byer, &c. all well stated, with a convenient Garden, inclosed with a good Stone Dike, and a good Quantity of barren Planting likewise inclosed, are to be exposed to public voluntary Roup and Sale, in the House of Ms. Kid in Dundee, on the 21st. Day of January 1724, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 3 in the Afternoon; the Progress of Writs and Condition of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of Sir Alexander Wedderburn of Blackness, or David Brisbane Writer in Dundee.

IT being resolved at the last general Meeting of the Creditors of Mr. *David Watson*, to lead an Adjudication of his real Estate, and that the Summonds should be raised and execute against the 20th of *January* Instant, that the Creditors may not suffer by any further Delay, these are to advertise such of the saids Creditors as have not yet given in their Grounds of Debt to *Alexander Christy*, Agent for the Creditors, to give in the same, betwixt and the 15th Instant, with Certification if they fail they will not afterwards be received.

Alexander Christy.

†|† *These are to advertise, That the annual general Meeting of the Friendly Contributers of* Edinburgh, *is to be held on* Monday *the* 13th. *of* January *Inst. at* 3 *a-Clock Afternoon, in* Mary's *Chapel; where all concerned are desired to be present.*

†*† *That the Lands of* Balon, *lying near St.* Andrew's *in* Fife, *paying yearly, after all Deductions,* 15 *Bolls* 1 *Firlot,* 1 *Peck and an half Wheat,* 6 *Chalders* 4 *Bolls* 2 *Firlots,* 2 *Lippies Bear,* 49 *Bolls,* 3 *Firlots* 2 *Lippies Meal, are to be exposed to Sale by voluntar Roup, on* Thursday *the* 6th *of* February *next, in the House of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *at* 4 *of the Clock Afternoon. And the Writs and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of* Alexander Christy *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his House above* Arthur Reid *Vintner, at any Time before the Roup.*

N. B. For the Encouragement of Purchassers, it is thought fit to notice, that the greatest Part of the Price may ly in their own Hands till they can conveniently pay it.

Alexander Christy.

*** *That upon the Sixth Day of* January *next, in the House of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *in the* Writers Court *there, between* 3 *and* 4 *a-clock in the Afternoon, will be exposed to voluntar Roup and Sale, a Laigh House or Cellar, consisting of Six Rooms, whereof* 4 *are Fire-rooms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of* Bell's Wynd. *The Conditions of Roup and Progress of the Writs are to be seen in the Hands of* Andrew Geddes *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his House at the* Bank-close *Head.*

☞ There was stolen some time ago, a fine black Velvet plain Scarf, lined with black Manto Silk, with a fine black Velvet Hood belonging thereto. Any Person or Persons, that can give notice thereof, so as the same may be got back, to *John Blair* at *John's* Coffee-House, shall have two Guineas Reward; and no Questions asked.

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